

**Sandbach Urban District
Council.**



**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH,
1921.**



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Sandbach Urban District Council.

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Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen.

Sandbach is a healthy district chiefly on a sandy soil with a small proportion on clay. Its area in acres is 2693 and its population at the last census was 5843. There are 1430 inhabited houses with probably about 50 double families, making a total of 1480 families. The Rateable Value is £21552 10/- and a penny rate represents £70 3 6d.

Births.

During the year there have been 163 births, 79 males and 84 females making a birth rate per 1000 of 27.8.

Deaths.

There have been 68 deaths in the district and 14 transferable deaths making in all 82 giving an average per 1000 of 14. Of these deaths two were due to child birth, 1 from septicaemia, and 1 from heart failure following child birth.

Infantile Deaths.

There have been 8 deaths of children under 1 year of age making an average of 49 per 1,000. All these children were legitimate. There were two deaths from diarrhoea under 2, years of age and 1 death from whooping cough.

There has been no excessive mortality due to epidemics of infectious disease during the year.

Infectious Disease.

There were 35 cases notified : Diphtheria 7, Scarlet Fever 11 Typhoid 1, Tuberculosis 14, Ophthalmia Neonatoria 2 of these cases.

Diphtheria.

All the 7 cases were sent to the Sanatorium.

Scarlet Fever.

10 of the 11 cases were sent to the Sanatorium.

Tubercular Cases.

LUNGS. 3 males and 3 females and there were 3 male deaths. OTHER THAN PULMONARY there were 8, 1 male and 7 females and 1 male died.

Ophthalmia Neonatoria.

There were two cases notified, one was treated at home and the other at Manchester Eye Hospital. Vision in the home case was unimpaired and the other impaired slightly. Both these children were infants

There have been no serious epidemics of any kind during the year and we have had no cause to consider the advisability of providing special nurses for the sick at home. The ordinary cases being in the hands of the nurse belonging to the Sandbach Nursing Society.

Midwives.

There are 4 midwives practicing on their own account. None being provided or paid by the Council.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

We have none in the town—the tuberculosis cases are sent to the Crewe Centre to be dealt with by the County Council's Medical Officer.

Hospitals provided.

- (1) Tuberculosis—None.
- (2) Maternity—Arclid Infirmary if necessary.
- (3) Children—If necessary find their way to Manchester Children's Hospital at Pendlebury.
- (4) Smallpox—We have a very useful Hospital at Arclid for Smallpox in constant working order under the supervision of a caretaker. 10 beds—5 for each sex, supported partly by the Council.
- (5) Fever Sanatorium at West Heath, Congleton, conjoint with other bodies for Scarlet, Typhoid and Diphtheria and is a very efficient and well conducted Hospital.
- (6) Other Hospitals.—There is only Arclid Workhouse Infirmary with 80 beds and 5 nurses, where the infirm can be sent as well as urgent and accident cases. It belongs to the Congleton Board of Guardians.

There is no provision other than Arclid for unmarried mothers, homeless and illegitimate children.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Infectious Disease Sanatorium has a Conveyance for taking cases to Hospital, also to fetch bedding for disinfection. For non-infectious and accident cases there is none, and we have to rely on the kindness of Messrs. Fodens Ltd. for the use of their Ambulance in urgent cases, and most considerate and kind they have proved to be in this matter.

Pathological Examination.

Sputum for examination for tubercle bacilli is sent to the County Council's Tuberculosis Officer at Chester. Other specimens are sent to York Place, Manchester. Diphtheria Antitox is provided by the Council on application. Other vaccins are sent if necessary.

Housing.

There have been 8 new houses added during the year, 6 of those as part of the Municipal Housing Scheme.

Inspection.

There have been 670 inspections of houses for minor defects and 128 houses inspected and recorded under Inspection of District Regulations.

3 houses are not reasonably fit for habitation.

30 defects have been remedied without action being required

A. Action under Statutory Powers.

5 notices have been served with regard to repairs and those are now in hand.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

24 notices were served under this heading requiring defects to be remedied and these were all attended to and put in order by the owners.

C. Section 17 and 18 of Housing and Town Planning Act. Closing or demolition of unfit houses.

Nothing has been done or necessary under this heading.

Yours faithfully.

ROBERT RIDDELL.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The tabular statement at the end of this report shows the total inspections which have been made, and the number of notices served.

Privies, Water Closets, and other Closet Accommodation.

Conversion to the Water Carriage System are not as numerous as could be desired. Seven earth closets have been converted with proper flushing apparatus.

I hope that as the cost of materials are reduced the conversions to the Water Carriage System will be accelerated. Every effort is being made to effectually remove the refuse and cleanse the privies, as often as is necessary.

The number and different types of closets are as follows :

Water Closets...	...	...	...	304
Pail do. ...	...	...	...	659
Earthenware ...	...	...	...	21
Privies ...	...	...	...	381

Work of Sanitary Inspector under Article XX.

The Inspector makes a Monthly Report to the Sanitary Committee of Nuisances requiring attention, and any action taken in connection therewith. Each monthly report shows what progress has been made, and action taken in trying to get the nuisances abated. A report is made until the work has been completed. Most of the complaints received, have been justifiable, and have received attention.

The policy of interviewing owners, and trying to get them to carry out the necessary improvements has been most advantageous. It has only been necessary to serve five compulsory notices.

Inspection of places where Food is prepared.

The places where food is stored or prepared are kept under observation by the Sanitary Inspector.

No complaints have been received during the year. Bake-houses, 34 inspections have been made.

The Sanitary Inspector endeavours to visit the private slaughter houses at the time of slaughtering.

Unsound Food and Food Inspection.

No action has been required.

Number and condition of Slaughter-houses.

There are seven private slaughter houses. They are kept fairly satisfactory, occasionally the Sanitary Inspector has to ask that more attention be given to the immediate removal of offals

Three are brick structures, and four are mostly built of wood.

Arrangements for disinfection and disinfection and extent of their use.

The enquiries and revisits at houses where infectious diseases have been notified has been carried out by the Sanitary Inspector. Fifty-one inspections have been made, and the arrangements for the removal of patients to the West Heath Sanatorium. The patients are removed when directed by the M. O. H. Infected premises are disinfected, and disinfectants are supplied.

Dairies and Cowsheds and Milkshops.

During the year 35 inspections have been made. One cowshed has been provided with ventilation and new drain, it is again used for housing cattle, also a building in Park Lane has been converted into a cowshed. The number of registered premises at close of 1921 was :

Dairies	...	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	17
Milksellers	...	...	...	...	5

Action under Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

The County Council is the Authority under these Acts.

SANDBACH URBAN DISTRICT.

CHESHIRE CUONTY COUNCIL..

General Order of Local Government Board.

(Medical Officer of Health and Inspectors of Nuisances) December 13th, 1910.

Tabular Statement of Inspector of Nuisances for the Year ended December 31st, 1921.

A		B		C	
Number and Nature of Inspections made.	Number.	Number of Notices served.		Result of Service of Notices.	
		Statutory.	Informal.	Notices complied with,	Remaining in hand.
Dwelling Houses (general inspections) ..	128				
Back-to-Back Houses ..	8				
Tents, Vans, Sheds, &c. ..	7				
Courts, Yards, Passages ..	68				
Privy-Middens, Earth or Pail Closets ..	329	5	24	24	5
Cesspools ..	60				
House Drainage ..	145				
Ditches, Watercourses, &c. ..	36				
Offensive Accumulations ..	27				
Slaughterhouses (Private) ..	73				
Other Places where Food is produced or sold ..	28				
Piggeries ..	22				
Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops ..	35				
Factories, ..	11				
Workshops ..	23				
Workplaces ..	10				
Bakehouses (Overground) ..	34				
Common Lodging Houses ..	35				
Canal Boats ..	8				
Infectious Disease Inquiries and Revisits..	51				
Total ..	1138	5	24	24	5

G. Allman, Sanitary Inspector.

Tabular Summary of Sanitary Work during 1921.

I. Water Supply.

1. Have any extensions been carried out during 1921? If so please append brief note. No.
2. Number of Samples analysed during 1921—

chemically }
bacteriologically } None.
3. Are any, and if so what, parts of your district still without a proper supply of water? No.

II. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

1. Specify any new works of sewerage carried out during 1921. None.
2. Are any, and if so what, parts of your district still without a proper system of sewers? The out-lying District near Wheelock, Ettiley Heath and Coldmoss Heath.
3. Have there been any complaints to your knowledge during 1921 as to the Disposal Works? No.
4. Have any alterations or extensions taken place to your knowledge in the Disposal Works during 1921? No.

III. Town Planning.

No scheme

ROBERT RIDDELL.

Sandbach,

16th February, 1922.



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